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E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR P&B

1. JORDAN ARMED FORCES (JAF) HAVE REQUESTED THEY BE FURNISHED WITH P&B DATA ON THE LATEST PROTECTIVE CAPS AND FLACK VEST TYPE BLANKETS USED BY TOW GUNNERS WHEN TOW LAUNCHER IS MOUNTED ON M113A1 APC AND M151 1/4 TON TRUCKS. THESE ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR USE WITH THE TOW WEAPON SYSTEMS NOW IN JORDAN.

2. QUANTITIES WERE NOT MENTIONED, BUT BELIEVE DATA SHOULD BE PROVIDED ON ANTICIPATED QUANTITIES OF 50 EACH BLANKETS AND CAPS FOR USE WITH APC MOUNTS AND 240 EACH FOR 1/4 TON MOUNTS.

3. JAF WOULD PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE RECEIVING FOR THEIR STUDY ANY DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE THAT IS AVAILABLE ON PROTECTIVE CAPS AND BLANKETS USED WITH THE TOW SYSTEM.

4. JAF FEELS THEY NEED THESE ITEMS TO INCREASE THEIR DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY. SINCE THESE ARE DEFENSIVE ITEMS DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE TOW SYSTEM FROM INCOMING SMALL ARMS AND ARTILLERY FRAGMENTS, THEY WILL NOT AFFECT IN ANY WAY THE BALANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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5. THE CAPS AND BLANKETS ARE PASSIVE DEFENSE SYSTEMS AND REQUIRE ALMOST NO MAINTENANCE. JAF CAN EASILY PERFORM WHAT LITTLE MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED. NO ADDITIONAL U.S. PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THEM.

6. IF PROCUREMENT IS LATER REQUESTED, AMEMBASSY AMMAN FEELS IT WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMY. SOURCE OF FUNDING TO BE

USED IF PROCUREMENT IS LATER REQUESTED IS NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT.

7. ABOVE ITEMS HAVE NO HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT.

8. MISSION HAS CAPABILITY TO MONITOR USE OF ABOVE ITEMS WHEN PROCURED.

9. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF RELEASE OF P&B AND

DESCRIPTIVE DATA.

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